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President's Message

I just recently returned from a week-long, work-related trip to Anaheim, California. The weather during that week was fine, typical of California. The road traffic was not all that great, but bearable. What I could not help but notice during the week stay there was the change returned to me in the various day-to-day transactions – primarily Denver mint coinage circulates in California. Makes perfect sense, but having been a Maryland resident for some time thirty-five years now, I'm used to seeing the Philly mint change with the occasional D mint mark in my pocket change. And no, I did not receive any San Francisco mint quarters.



It was not difficult for me to see why Anaheim was chosen to host the 125th anniversary convention of the American Numismatic Association this coming August 9–13. If you can get out to Anaheim this August, it should be one of the better ANA conventions and possibly the best coin bourse in the country this year. Additionally, the ANA is offering several versions of limited edition 125th Anniversary 2016 Silver Eagles for new and returning members during 2016. Take just a few minutes and visit <https://www.money.org/125anniversarysilvereagle> for details.

The MSNA Board met again in April to review and discuss activities and budgets. We are off to a good start on the dissemination and selling of the 2016 MSNA raffle tickets. I again encourage you to participate in this year's raffle by buying a couple of chances for yourself or others. Each ticket represents a decent chance for some quality and valuable gold and silver numismatic prizes but, more importantly, represents your willingness as a MSNA member to support the organization. If your local club needs more of these tickets, please drop us a line or an email and we make sure more tickets arrive in your club's mail box. The 2016 raffle drawing will be held in November.

Over the summer months, the MSNA board will be working on digitally photographing selections from the J. Henry collection of Maryland tokens and colonial currency to be uploaded into a virtual educational and research exhibit on the MSNA website. We have a good number of scarce Mid-Atlantic tokens and colonial-period notes that have only been seen by a few over the past 25 years. I'll keep members posted as to our progress towards bringing the J. Henry collection back into the summer sunshine.



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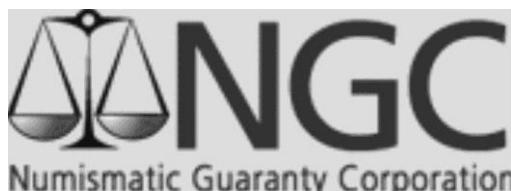


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Exhibit Results in Baltimore

The MSNA exhibit area at the Whitman Baltimore Coin Expo April 1-3 held eight exhibits by six exhibitors.



Best of Show (1/10 oz. gold eagle): *Sacred Images - Numismatic Images of the Divine* by Michael Shutterly. This exhibit won an award for the best exhibit by a first-time exhibitor at the ANA show in Chicago in 2015.



Master (1/10 oz. platinum eagle): *Chaim Gross' Ten Commandments* by Simcha Kuritzky. This is a brand new exhibit, but will also be at PAN in May and ANA in August.



Superior (1/20 oz. gold panda) *Expertizing a Numismatic Medal as an Artifact from the Eisenhower Presidency* by Darryl Gomez.

The exhibits *Ludwig van Beethoven - the Man for All (Numismatic) Reasons* by Michael Shutterly and *Feline Elongated Type Set* by Simcha Kuritzky were not eligible for an award since there is a limit of one award per exhibitor. American silver eagle appreciation awards were given to Gerald Grzenda for *Coinage of the German Colonies*, Thomas Corey for *Silver Cobs of the Major Spanish American Mints* and Cynthia Gomez for *Princess Kaiulani of Hawaii: Commemorative Gold Crowns*.

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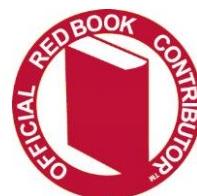
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Exhibit Results in Pittsburgh

For the last several years, PAN (Pennsylvania Association of Numismatists) officers and board members have been exhibiting at MSNA's competition in Baltimore and MSNA officers have been exhibiting at the Spring and Fall PAN shows in Pittsburgh. This May, three MSNA life members exhibited and won awards at the PAN Show May 5-7.



MSNA life member Thomas Corey won first place in world coins with his exhibit on *Silver Cobs of the Major Spanish American Mints*. This exhibit was also shown in Baltimore.

MSNA Treasurer and Editor Simcha Kuritzky won second place in world coins with his exhibit *Israel's Two-Decade Long Road to Standardized Gold Coinage* and first place in exonumia with *Chaim Gross' Ten Commandments Sculpture Medals*.

MSNA Secretary Bryce Doxzon won third place in exonumia with his exhibit *The Dickey Mill Centennial Medal*.

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Baltimore's New B-Notes

According to baltimoregreencurrency.org and the Baltimore Sun, series 2 of the Baltimore B-Notes was issued April 30th, at a launch party event at Gallery 788. Originally issued as a BN1 and BN5 on April 17, 2011 (as reported in the Spring and Summer, 2011 issues of *The Maryland Numismatist*), the new series has a redesigned BN1 and BN5, as well as new BN10 and BN20 denominations. All notes were designed by Richard Winchell.

Both series' NB1 portrays Frederick Douglas on the front with a Baltimore Oriole (the bird, not the baseball player) on the back, while the NB5 portrays Edgar Allen Poe on the front and a raven on the back. The more sedate portraits have been replaced with more dynamic ones and a background reminiscent of the Maryland flag (and also Lord Baltimore's coat of arms). The new NB10 portrays Bea Gaddy, who advocated for the poor was known for distributing food and clothing on the front and a Baltimore checkerspot butterfly on the back. The new NB20 shows Lillie May Carroll Jackson, former president of the NAACP Baltimore branch on the front and a Maryland blue crab on the back.

There are now 230 locally-owned businesses that accept B-Notes on par with the U.S. dollar, and several cambios where anyone can buy them at a discount (US \$20 will get you BN22). You can also redeem B-Notes at a cambio, but at the same discounted rate. There are currently more than 40,000 B-Notes outstanding, most circulating but some are in collections. Local currencies exist in a number of American cities; most famous are the Ithaca, New York hours which trade at \$10 each. The idea is to keep money in the locality. Money earned in Baltimore (and surrounding suburbs) is spent at shops owned by residents, not at nationwide or regional chains. It also allows for the funding of local businesses outside of the commercial banking system.

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At the March meeting of the **Washington Numismatic Society**, President **Simcha Kuritzky** spoke on Israel's gold commemorative and bullion coins. Local dealer **Julian Leidman** gave a review of the numismatic market at the April meeting. Member Richard Rhoads gave a talk in May on philatelic covers related to numismatic events or themes, and several members brought in examples of philatelic-numismatic covers (first-day covers with coins or medals in the envelope instead of a cachet). June will be the semi-annual pot-luck dinner.

At the **Montgomery County Coin Club** April meeting, Joe Tokarcik spoke on the GSA Carson City Silver Dollars program. The May program was a talk by "Santa" Steve Schreurs on the North Pole and Santa Claus coins he commissioned and gives out to children. In June, **Julian Leidman** will make his annual appearance to present his "State of the Hobby" address. July will be bourse month, giving members a chance to set up tables to buy, sell and trade coins. August will have a review of the ANA show (delayed a week to accommodate those who are going out to Anaheim) and maybe another program as well.

Coin Club Meeting Calendar (most months)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
First				Baltimore
Second	Cambridge, Colonial	Montgomery, West Maryland	Belmar, MR, Catonsville	
Third	Colonial (some- times), Bel Mar	Washington Numis. Soc.		Baltimore
Fourth	Carroll County	Bowie	Middle River (MR)	MSNA Board



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What's Your Sign?

Part Thirty-One: Tentex and Related Medals

by Simcha Kuritzky, NLG

One series of medals I recently completed has a large figure and sigil on one side of its 38mm disk and a lot of text on the back. The text is in an almost medieval style font with only lower case characters (though I use upper case in my transcription). I have found these in three forms. By far the most common is a set of silver rounds with a T in a square trademark at the bottom followed by TENTEX INC. 1983 © ONE TROY OUNCE .999 FINE SILVER. This text is in a sans-serif all caps font. Following are photos of both sides of the medals and the lengthy description of people of that sign. They do not give the sign's dates.



Aries The most entertaining sign of the zodiac, you require much activity to express yourself to greatest advantage. Replace that hasty and impulsive tendency to leap before you look with a well ordered plan your brilliant mind can envision.

Taurus The most financially astute of all the signs of the heavens, you can be relied upon to treat others' money as your own to build a solid, secure future for yourself as well as those close to your Taurian heart.



Gemini The most versatile, inventive and imaginative of all the signs of the heavens, a born salesperson, writer and intellectual, you are able to put your ideas across in a most articulate and logical manner, but finish what ever you have started.

Moonchild (Cancer) You are the most romantic sign of all the signs of the zodiac and are especially sensitive to the moods of all you know. You love children and antiques and are the best merchandisers and chefs.



Leo You are the royal sign of the heavens, the fixed star regulus in your sector of the zodiac brings breadth of scope to your life. You rarely do anything that is other than generous, noble and magnanimous.

Virgo You are the most discriminating and analytical of all the signs of the zodiac, requiring perfection in your environment and in all that you do. Health is of prime concern to you and you are likely to have a long and interesting life.



Libra You are the most cooperative of all the twelve signs and willingly spend your efforts to get along extremely well with whomever you come in contact. Art, beauty and color mean much to you. You are the peacemaker par excellence.

Scorpio You are a born campaigner and are able to handle resourcefully whatever problems may arise to test your steadfastness of purpose. Your natural vitality equips you to work steadily when others fall by the wayside. Always consider companions' viewpoints.



Sagittarius You are ruled by Jupiter, the greater good fortune, love to travel, and jovial and have a great sense of humor. You must be able to express occasional independence and are the most articulate of any sign of the zodiac.

Capricorn You are the best organizer of any sign of the zodiac and unless you and your surroundings are in perfect working order, you may

be dismayed. When anyone does you a favor, you do not rest easily until it has been fully repaid. Keep smiling.



Aquarius You are the most original and progressive of all the signs of the zodiac. You must be constantly busy to express your multi-talented nature. You excel all others in the hall of fame.

Pisces You are the most receptive of all the signs and instinctively know what is in the mind of the other person. The artistic is your forte, but you also can be remarkable at business. You can reduce ideals to a working success.



The Tentex silver rounds can be found for sale with a little searching of the Internet, but some signs are more readily available than others. Another format I've only managed to buy once is the same size and description in aluminum, but at the bottom is the signature Farroll Righter and below is AstroMint © 1974. The dot of the letter i in Mint is a star. I can view a number of them on expired auctions, but no one is willing to say what metal they are, so I don't know if they are always aluminum or if they were made from some other metal.

The last version I've found is from Ivan Rash of the Rainbow Mint. His medals are uniface and he hand painted them (the Gemini is shown as an example). Hand stamped on the otherwise blank back are his initials ILR 000. These were made quite recently, so someone still has the dies. Perhaps more versions will show up in the future.

This medal series is unusual in that, despite the large amount of text, there is no listing of the days ruled by the sun sign or corresponding lucky colors, numbers, days of the week, etc.



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Part Thirty-Two: British National Transport Tokens

by Simcha Kuritzky, NLG

In 1967, Manchester and Droylsden, England started issuing aluminum tokens usable in either city's bus service. This was expanded in 1972 to the whole country as the National Transport system. The original denominations were 2p and 3p, with 5p added later. The national system has issued 10p, 20p, 50p, and £1. The 20p shows different types of buses and trolleys and the 50p shows British landmarks. In 1994 and 1995, the 10p showed zodiac symbols.





Each zodiac sign has the Latin name above and the dates below. They don't give the name in English or use the official sigil.

Zodiac Sign	Dates
ARIES	MAR 21 - APR 20
TAURUS	APR 21 - MAY 21
GEMINI	MAY 22 - JUN 22
CANCER	JUN 23 - JUL 23
LEO	JULY 24 - AUG 23
VIRGO	AUG 24 - SEP 23
LIBRA	SEP 24 - OCT 23
SCORPIO	OCT 24 - NOV 22
SAGITTARIUS	NOV 23 - DEC 22
CAPRICORN	DEC 23 - JAN 19
AQUARIUS	JAN 20 - FEB 19
PISCES	FEB 20 - MAR 20

I've noticed there are two forms of the Capricorn, one with the head right up against the lettering and one with some space between.



The two obverses are essentially identical. NATIONAL TRANSPORT TOKEN around the top with the date 1994 or 1995 below and a large 10 in the center. This is inside a heptagonal (seven-sided) border with a thick rim. The tokens have medallic orientation (both sides have the same direction when rotated side-to-side), but I do have one Aquarius 1995 token with coin orientation (same direction when rotated top-to-bottom). The rims have an interrupted reeding. The 19mm tokens are on 2.6mm thick aluminum planchets.



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14 Aug. – Catonsville Coin Club Show, Knights of Columbus Hall, 1010 Frederick Road (1 mile from I-695), Catonsville, MD; 10-4.

27 Aug. – Baltimore Friendly Monthly Stamp and Coin Show, Pikesville Hilton, 1726 Reisterstown Rd (I-695 exit 20) Pikesville, MD; 10-4.

28 Aug. – Hunt Valley Coin and Currency Show, Holiday Inn, 9615 Deereco Road, Lutherville-Timonium, MD; 9-4.

3-4 Sept. – Interstate Coin Show, Grand Venice Hotel, 431 Dual Highway, Hagerstown, MD. Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4.

11 Sept. – Annapolis Coin and Currency Show, Elks Lodge, 2 Pythian Drive, Edgewater, MD; 9-4:30.

18 Sept. – Baltimore Friendly Monthly Stamp and Coin Show, Pikesville Hilton, 1726 Reisterstown Rd (I-695 exit 20) Pikesville, MD; 10-4.

30 Sept.-2 Oct. – CEO Coins, Currency & Treasures Ocean City Show, Ocean City (Roland E. Powell) Convention Center, 4001 Ocean Highway & 40th Street, Ocean City, MD; Fri. 9-5, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4.

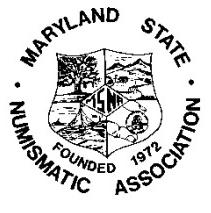
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16 Oct. – Hunt Valley Coin and Currency Show, Holiday Inn, 9615 Deereco Road, Lutherville-Timonium, MD; 9-4.

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